

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 11, 15, 28 and 33 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-9 and 11-37 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is included in this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 4-37 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 15 and 28 have been rewritten into independent form. In amending claim 28, features of claim 1 which would be redundant in claim 28 have been omitted. Claim 33 has been amended to substitute AI for M and P for X in order to be consistent with the other claims in the claim set 28-37.

The Rejection:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,169,736 to Bittihn et al. The features of allowable claim 10 have been incorporated into claim 1, thus claims 1-9 and 11-14 are deemed to be in allowable form.

Conclusion:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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